



**Ripley Church Meetings:**

- Board of Deacons: Monday - Feb. 9th @ 6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday - Feb. 10th @ 5:30 pm - Office
- Mission Committee: TBD

**Hymn Refresh**

It's a brand new year, and a brand new opportunity to liven up our worship! If you have a hymn you love and haven't heard in a while, or a new one you want to try, please let Pr. Jim know or write the title on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Let's sing something fresh together!

**Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:**

- Quilting: Thur. Feb. 5th @ 9:00 am
  - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Feb. 14th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Feb. 22nd: Project to be Announced
- Ripley Quilt Show - March 21st

**Ripley Annual Meeting: Feb. 8th, 2026 after worship with Baked Potato Bar to follow in the Fellowship Hall**

Weather Make Up: Feb. 15th, 2026 after worship

- Annual Reports were emailed out. If you did not receive one or would like a printed copy please let Josh Youel know.
- Question to Report Contributors should be asked by Feb. 1st to allow research and possible resolution before the meeting on the 8th
- Our Potluck Potato Bar will follow the meeting in the Fellowship Hall

**Lenten Plans 2026 - More details to come:**

- Lenten Project: Storks Nest
- Ash Wednesday: Feb. 18th, 2026 - Details TBD
- Wednesday Night Meal and Reflections - Fellowship Hall
  - Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25
  - Sign up for meal prep in the kitchen.
- Men's Lenten Breakfasts - Details TBD
  - Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1st
- Maundy Thursday April 2nd
- Good Friday April 3rd
- Easter: April 5th - Details TBD



# Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

February 1, 2026  
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany



**Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude and Candle Lighting**

**Praise and Invocation** (excerpted from Micah 6:1-8)

One: Hear what the LORD says:

**Many: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.**

One: With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high?

**Many: He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?**

**Call to Worship**

One: Let us worship in the presence of a just and loving God.

**Many: Amen**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "God of Grace and God of Glory" (black hymnal #436)

**Confession:**

One: Christ calls us to envision a better world.

**Many:** We fail to envision our part in making that world happen.

One: Our faith demands action.

**Many: Still we remain complacent.**

One: Forgive us, Lord, our failings.

**Many: Teach us to see, serve and love as we are called.**

### **Silent Prayer**

#### **Assurance:**

One: Hear the Gospel! Our God is a gracious and loving God.

**Many: By His grace, we are forgiven**

One: By His love, we are set free

**All: Amen**

### **Passing the Peace/ Children's Procession**

Our scripture teaches that the Kingdom of God belongs to those who enter it like a child. As our children come forward, it is our custom to greet each other from our places, then sing the children to the front with the traditional song "This Little Light of Mine." If you are worshiping with us online, please feel free to say hello in the comments, so we know you are here.

### **Children's Celebration: "Sing Out!"**

**Reading:** Matthew 5:1-12

**Message:** "The Beatific Roadmap"

**\*Response:** "Take My Life, God, Let It Be" (black hymnal #448)

### **Offertory:**

**\*Presentation of our Offerings:** Doxology (black hymnal #780)

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Prayers of the People**

## **Communion**

### **Invitation**

One: Our faith is one of extravagant welcome. We honor God's table, open to all.

**Many: We gather with all Creation.**

### **Prayer**

One: God be with you

**Many: And also with you**

One: Lift up your hearts

**Many: We lift them up to God**

One: Let us give thanks to God

**Many: It is right to give thanks and praise**

One: God of all creation, we give thanks for your continuous care. We praise the living, mortal example of your son, Jesus Christ, who offers a path to salvation. We honor the Holy Spirit, who reminds us of your truth, your presence and your promise.

**Many: God of Love and Grace, the whole Universe speaks to your Glory. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna!**

### **Setting the Table**

One: We remember that on the night of his betrayal and desertion, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "this is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup, saying, "Drink this, all of you.

This is the blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

One: This table is God’s table, open to all creation. These elements are the body and blood of Christ, broken and poured for you. This faith we share is the Spirit, which unites us in Holy Communion. For this, we give thanks.

**Many: We proclaim our continuing faith in the Good News of Jesus Christ, and offer our lives in service.**

One: Let us pray the words Jesus taught us:

### **Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)**

### **Call to the Supper**

One: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

One: The cup is the communion of the blood of Christ.

One: Jesus, Lamb of God

**Many: have mercy on us.**

One: Jesus, bearer of our sins

**Many: have mercy on us**

One: Jesus, redeemer of the world

**Many: give us your peace**

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things

are ready.

### **Sharing the Elements**

One: Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

**Many: Amen!**

One: Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

**Many: Amen!**

**\*Closing Hymn:** “Softly and Tenderly” (black hymnal #449)

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

\* Please stand, in body or spirit

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Thank you for attending Ripley UCC. We’re glad you came.

*“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”*

\*Reader today was Lindsey Coppoc

\*CE helper was Josh Youel

Find us online at [www.ripleyucc.org](http://www.ripleyucc.org), or by searching “Ripley United Church of Christ” on Facebook. Or join us for refreshments downstairs after the service. An elevator is available by the south door for those who need it.

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